

To-day's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

TO-NIGHT

(TUESDAY), the 2nd January, 1900.

GRAND CONCERT.

UNDER the Distinguished Patronage of
His Excellency

SIR HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [1621a]

JUBILEE LODGE
OF INSTRUCTION.THE REGULAR MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, on THURSDAY, the 4th instant, at 8
for 8.30 p.m. Visiting Brethren M.M. are
cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [6b]

AERATED WATERS.

I HAVE been appointed Agent in Kowloon
for the sale of the CELEBRATED
AERATED WATERS, manufactured by A.
S. WATSON & CO., LD., which can always be
had at my shop in Kowloon at the same prices
that are charged in Hongkong.H. RUTTON, 21 & 22, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
2nd January, 1900. [1463a]CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

The Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"

Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 3rd instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [1b]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Captain Davies, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 3rd instant,
at Noon.For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [1626a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

The Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as
above TO-MORROW, the 3rd instant,
at 5 p.m.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First Class Passengers.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [2b]

SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE.

The Company's Steamship

"LOOSOK,"

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 5th instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [11b]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Company's Steamship

"MAIZURU MARU,"

Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the
above ports, on SUNDAY, the 7th instant,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [123a]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 9th instant,
at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [7b]

FOR LIVERPOOL, LONDON,
AND SUEZ CANAL.

Taking Cargo at London Rates

The Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"

Captain Stevens, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 12th instant.For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [10b]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN
STEAMSHIP LINE.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

The Steamship

"INDRAPURA,"

having arrived from the above ports, Con-
signees of cargo by her, are hereby informed
that their goods have been landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th
instant will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Shippers are requested to present all
invoices and/or shortages not later
than the 10th instant, otherwise they will not
be considered.Signed by
J. & Co.,To-day's
Advertisements.CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. H. P. WADMAN has
been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.
By order of the Board of Directors,
A. S. GARFITT,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. [3b]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day admitted Partners in
our Firm: Mr. MAX NICHOLSEN and
Mr. RUDOLPH LEMKE, and we have authorized
to jointly sign our Firm per Procuration:
Mr. FRITZ LIER and Mr. ERNST DELBROCK.
ARNHOLD, KARBORG & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. [4b]

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. F. W. HALL has no
longer any connection with Messrs. GEO.
R. STEVENS & Co. or myself.
GEO. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. [5b]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

GOODS

NEW YEAR SEASON.

A VARIED COLLECTION OF
ARTICLES SUITABLE
FOR PRESENTS.

CUT GLASS BOTTLES.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES, CIGAR AND
CIGARETTE HOLDERS,

POUCHES, &c.

SMOKERS' SUNDRIES OF ALL
KINDS.

PERFUMES IN ELEGANT CASES.

THE PUREST AND BEST

CONFECTIONERY.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

SCOTCH WHISKIES, IRISH WHISKIES,

AMERICAN WHISKIES, BRANDIES,

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS,

LIQUEURS, CHAMPAGNES,
&c., &c.

OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

NEW YEAR CARDS

OF
TASTEFUL & PLEASING DESIGNS.A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

BIRTH.

On the 15th of December, 1899, at Swatow,
the wife of J. H. PEARNE, of a daughter. [5b]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1900.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It created no little sensation in the Colony
yesterday when, at 8 a.m., the men-of-war in
Harbour dressed ship and the Royal Standard
was hoisted on the *Barfleur*, at Govern-
ment House and at Headquarters, and
when, at noon, a royal salute was fired from
the ship and from the shore. There was
but one idea and that was that news had
arrived during the night of a great victory
on the Tugela and of the relief of Ladysmith.
Nothing else could reasonably be
suggested as justification for the display.
None of the members of the Royal Family
have a birthday on the 1st January. No
addition to the number of the Royal Family
in the direct line of succession was expected.
New Year's day would only be honoured, as
a rule, by the dressing of the ships with
flags, but not with the display of the Royal
Standard and a salute. What could it be if
not a great success in South Africa, so great
as to induce at once all doubt or hesitation
as to the ultimate success of our arms?PARTURIENT MONIE; NACITUR KIDICIL-
lus Mus. The salute, as it turned out, was
not in honour of the birth of a Royal Prince
nor in celebration of a great victory. It was
intended to honour the birth of a New
Century, the Twentieth and, in fact, the
celebration of a colossal blunder. The
Nineteenth century has yet another eleven
months and twenty-nine days to live and its
demise and the birth of the New Century will
correspond in point of time. Until then
any celebration of the event is, to use an
Americanism, "a little previous." But is
this year (the last of the nineteenth, or the
first of the twentieth century)? It seems to
us and to most of our readers, government
officials always excluded, that it is the last
of the nineteenth century. Its very name
proclaims it to be such. It is the nineteenth
hundredth year of our era—of the Christian
era. We reckon by tens and hundreds and
thousands. That is, we break up our num-
bers into groups of ten, or of a hundred,
or of a thousand for the more convenient
enumeration of them. Each group of ten, or
of one hundred, or of a thousand is complete
in itself and contains ten, or one hundred, or
one thousand of the units of which we are

speaking, be they apples or years. A
"century" is only another word for a
"hundred." It is applied to periods of
years. It is also made use of in speaking of
the scores made at our popular game of
cricket. A map makes his "Century" in
the cricket field. It means that he has made
one hundred complete runs for his side.
He makes two centuries three, four, five, six
centuries during the season. That means
that he has recorded to his credit, two three,
four, five, or six complete groups of one
hundreds runs. A Century, when dealing
with time is a complete period of one hundred
years, complete to the last day and hour and
minute of the last month of the year. A
hundred dollars is incomplete until the last
cent of the last, or hundredth dollar is
counted down. It is not a hundred dollars
till that is done. This is the commence-
ment of the nineteenth hundredth year of our
era. The nineteenth hundred years of the
19th century are not completed until the last
minute of the last day of this year has run
its course. Until the nineteenth hundred
years are counted down and finished with,
the first of the Twentieth hundred cannot
commence. Look at it from whatever point
of view you please, this is the last year of the
19th century and not the first year of another
century. It so proclaims itself by its very
name. It is the nineteenth hundredth year
after Christ, or of the Christian era. Next
Christmas will be the nineteenth hundredth
anniversary of His birth, if the era com-
menced in fact from that event. The first
century was not complete until the end of
the hundred years from the event, whatever
it was, which was taken as marking the com-
mencement of the new era. The nineteenth
is incomplete until the last day of the nine-
teenth hundredth year. Let it be urged, as
we suppose it may be, that by counting this
as the first year of the new century a
hundred years will have been fully told by
the end of December 1900, and the year
2000 will in its turn be the first
year of a new century. Then we must
be consistent and say that the year 100 was
the first year of the second century. If so
then the first century had only 99 years in it
and was incomplete and not a century at all.
Look at it from whatever way you please it
will always work out the same. We count
by centuries. This is the nineteenth cen-
tury, the 1900th year of the Christian era.
Till this year has run its course there will
be nineteen hundred years complete of that
era, and until the nineteenth hundred years
are complete to the very last tick of the clock
we cannot begin on the Twentieth Century.
Nineteen hundred and one will be the first
year of the Twentieth Century and no possi-
ble method of dealing with the figures will
make it otherwise. It seems a pity that the
last year of the century should commence in
Hongkong with such a blunder. It does
not promise well for the rest of the year.
ABSIT OMEN.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

Hongkong Volunteer Gazette.

Mr. Winston Churchill.

LONDON, December 29th.

Mr. Winston Churchill, whilst at Pretoria,

ascertained that several members of the ex-
ecutive Boers began the war with trepidation,
but, encouraged by successes, are now confi-
dent that Great Britain will soon sue for
peace.The Boers are receiving a considerable
amount of ammunition in piano cases through
Delagoa Bay.

The War—Kimberley.

LONDON, December 31st.

Reuter's Correspondent at Kimberley under
dated of 22nd Dec, says that the garrison
made a reconnaissance on that day to the
westward and drove the Boer patrols along a
ridge until the enemy being reinforced the
British returned unharmful. The opera-
tion disclosed the fact that the Boers had
three guns on the ridge and that they were
able to summon reinforcements rapidly.

The War—Cape Colony.

LONDON, 1st January, 1900.

The Times Correspondent at Sterkstroom
31st December says that forty Montmore-
ncy's Scouts were cut off yesterday owing
to their refusal to leave a wounded officer.
They defended themselves splendidly
against the repeated attacks of 500 Boers
until they were rescued by a party under
Capt. Goldworthy. The Boers then retreat-
ed with a loss of thirty killed.

Enrolment of the City of London

Volunteers.

The first 500 City Imperial Volunteers
have been enrolled at Guildhall with great
ceremony and enthusiasm.

LONDON, 29th December.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

Natal.

News from Ladysmith, dated 22nd inst.,
states that the British casualties since the
beginning of the siege amount to 70 killed
and 236 wounded. Many are suffering from
enteric fever.

The Imperial Yeomanry.

According to an officially sanctioned state-
ment the Government regards the formation
and the dispatch of the Imperial Yeomanry
as one of the most pressing needs of the
situation.The Daily Telegraph states that the
Government is now prepared to accept the
service of from 8,000 to 10,000 Yeomanry.

Mödder River.

The British at Chieveley continue to shell
the Boer positions at Colenso heavily. The
Cavalry brigade has made a reconnaissance
due West of Mödder River.

FRANCE.
The French Government will introduce a
Bill assigning 120,000,000 Francs for the
defence of the Coasts and Colonies and
400,000,000 Francs for the increase of the
fleet.

THE WAR.

Mafeking.

News from Mafeking dated 12th December
states that the enemy were firing daily on all
sides. The health and spirits of the garri-
son were good.

EGYPT.

The Royal Malta Artillery goes to Egypt.

German Steamer Captured at

Delagoa.

December 30th.

The German steamer *Bundesrath*, with
three German officers and twenty men, in
Khaki uniform, on board, has been captured
at Delagoa Bay and taken to Durban. The
Government is convinced that the ship was
not seized without ample justification and
awaits the judgment of the Prize Court. The
Bundesrath declares there is no contraband of
war on board and has appealed to the German
Government who, immediately promised in-
terposition.

Boer News from Mafeking.

A Boer despatch states that the British on
the 25th instant, hotly engaged the Boer
Fort of Malopo, outside Mafeking, losing 109
men. The Boer loss is stated at 9.

Sortie from Ladysmith.

General White has made a sortie from
Ladysmith and captured a hill.

LONDON, December 31st.

The United States and the "Open

Door" of China.

It is stated at Washington that the result-
of the Minister Hay's negotiations secure the
principle of an open door in China in a most
gratifying manner. Great Britain, Germany,
France, Russia and Japan responded favour-
ably.

THE WAR.

Cape Colony.

The Volunteers at Deelfontein, 29 miles
South of De Aar, dispersed a party of Boers
at the railway on Christmas day without any
casualties.

Natal.

Reuter's correspondent at Frere Camp
29th Dec, states that several hundred Boers
have been cut off on the South side of the
Tugela owing to the river having risen.Lieut. Dalzel of the Devons has been
killed and other officers wounded by a shell
which struck the mess room at Ladysmith.

Disaffection in Cape Colony.

Reports are current of increasing disaffec-
tion in Cape Colony but nothing like con-
certed action is taking place and the authori-
ties are fully prepared.

Re-Inforcements.

Colonial Volunteers continue enrolling at
many centres. Another New Zealand Con-
tingent will sail on the 15th January and
more will follow.Sir Charles Howard-Vincent commands
the London Imperial Volunteer Infantry
battalion.The Prince of Wales has accepted the
Honorary Colonelcy of the Imperial
Yeomanry force.

The Boers Foreign Relations.

The Times Correspondent at Lorenzo
Marques states that suspicions are now con-
firmed of the close relations of the Boers
with a foreign Consulate at Pretoria and that
there are persistent rumours at Lorenzo
Marques and Durban of guns and ammuni-
tion for the Boers being smuggled through
Delagoa Bay.

Military Command in Ireland.

The Duke of Connaught has been ap-
pointed to the Command in Ireland.

The United States and the War.

The United States are sending a military
attaché to the Boer forces.

The Recent Sortie from Mafeking.

The Boer report of the Sortie from Mafek-
ing on 15th Dec. states that Lord Cecil and
Lord Cavendish-Bentley were wounded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An attempt was made on the 21st of November
by a body of 800 strikers to commence a march
upon Paris; but the men were stopped at the
first halting-place by the authorities. The
strikers belong to several engineering firms
whose works are situated in the Audincourt-
valley, in the department of the Doubs, on the
extreme eastern frontier.It is notified in the *Gazette* that His Excellency,
the Governor has given his assent, in the name
and on behalf of the Queen, to The Piers
Ordinance, 1899; An Ordinance to amend the
Companies Ordinance, 1877; An Ordinance to
amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873;
and An Ordinance to provide for the summon-
ing of Chinese before the Registrar General.The Press Association states that the German
Emperor, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal
Dragoons, on his departure from Port Victoria
left the sum of £500 with the Colonel of the
regiment, Lieut-General Sir Frederick Mar-
shall, to be used for the benefit of the wives
and children of the non-commissioned officers
and men of his Majesty's regiment, which is
now on service in South Africa.

PRINCE Adolphus of Teck, who is a captain in
the 1st Life Guards, took leave of the men of
his squadron on 25th November at Windsor
previous to leaving for South Africa. The
Prince was photographed with his men.

A BERLIN correspondent is informed on reliable
authority that King Humbert has invited the
German Emperor and Queen Victoria to meet
in Rome next April, and that both have pro-
mised to go to Italy. Probably the Queen and
the Kaiser will meet at Bordighera. Her
Majesty originally intended to visit her grand-
son at Potsdam, but this idea has been shelved
in favour of the meeting in Italy.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that His Excellency
the Governor will hold a levee at Government
House on Monday, 8th January, at 4 p.m. Each
gentleman is requested to bring two cards, to
be handed to the Aides-de-camp in waiting.
The private entrée will commence fifteen
minutes before the general levee and may be
attended by Members of both Councils, Bishops,
Judges, Heads of Departments, Consuls-General
and Consuls, and Naval and Military Officers
of Field or corresponding rank.

MR. F. KIENE, Manager of the South China
Branch of the Equitable Life Assurance Society
of the United States informs us that according
to a telegram received by him from the Head
Office, the preliminary figures of the Society on
the 31st December last were:—
New Business in 1899.....G\$200,000,000
Outstanding Assurance on the
31st December, 1899.....G\$1,050,000,000
Assets.....G\$380,000,000
Surplus (this fund belongs ex-
clusively to the Policy
holders).....G\$62,000,000

THE new issue of stamps for Federated
Malaya is not expected to arrive till March,
and, in the meantime, Pahang stamps having
run short, Selangor stamps are being used
here. The new issue is to be identical in every
State for postage, revenue, and judicial pur-
poses, and only stamps of the following values
will be obtainable: 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, and 50
cents, and 1, 2, 5, and 25 dollars. In accord-
ance with the Postal Union rule which requires
that the three stamps of the equivalent values
of 5, 10, and 25 centimes should be green, red,
and blue, respectively, the 1, 4, and 8 cents
stamps of the new Malaya State issue will be
printed in the colours named. The new stamps
will not, however, be brought into use until
existing stocks have been entirely sold out.

CRICKET.

ROYAL ENGINEERS' REPRESENTATIVE

SCHOOL XI.

The match was played last Saturday at the
Happy Valley and resulted in an easy win for
the soldiers. With becoming courtesy, the
schoolboys were put in first making 45 runs.
Two batsmen of the R.E.s made the required
number to win, the remainder forging their
innings.

We append the scores:—

HONGKONG SCHOOLS.

1st Innings.

H. Hatten b. Siver.....19

J. Pestoni.....0

F. W. Shaw b. Hawker.....0

H. Stuart b. Jolly.....0

R. Pestoni not out.....6

F. Siver b. Jolly.....0

C. E. Hastings & Scribbs b. Jolly.....0

F. R. Horton b. Jolly.....0

J. H. Rotton b. Jolly.....0

F. H. New b. Hawker.....1

Mr. E. Aggar & Hall, b. Siver.....6

Extras.....4

Total.....44

2nd Innings.

B. Hawker not out.....15

L. Brown.....31

Extras.....4

Total.....50

DANCE AT KOWLOON DOCKS.

New Year's day among the inhabitants of the
Land of Cakes is the one on which they give their
hospitable instincts, with which they are amply
endowed, full play, and like to gather around
themselves their friends to see the New Year
make its entry on this earth. The Staff of the
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company have
now for many years kept up this national custom,
this year, however, the old year made its exit on
a Sunday, so the gathering was given the
Saturday. The Committee being given the
Joiners'

BY THE MAIL.

(From Home Papers.)

Surf-boat for Margate.

A new surf-boat, to take the place of *The Friend of All Nations*, which capsized two years ago, causing the loss of nine of her crew, arrived at Margate on 28th November. It was constructed at Cowes. Four of her future crew sailed her round, and were perfectly satisfied with her behaviour in a breeze she encountered.

New flying machine.

A young Russian named Fodoroff and a young Frenchman named Dupont claim to have invented a flying machine capable of travelling at the rate of 100 miles an hour. It is made of metal and is driven by gas generated from liquids. It can carry one person, and is so easily guided that the inventor proposes to give an exhibition, when it is to perform evolutions in the air in time to music.

Sensible Frenchmen.

The group of French residents in London have sent to the morning papers a strongly worded protest against the insults levelled by the *Libre Parole* against the Queen. These insults and the animosity that give rise to them trace to the comments of English papers on the Dreyfus affair.

Britain's Defences.

An order has been issued from the War Office directing the whole of the guns mounted at Southsea Castle, Eastney Fort, and of other defences along the Hampshire coast to be replaced by heavy weapons, having the breech-loading arrangement. The danger of exposing the defences of the Solent to guns of inferior calibre has at length been forced on the authorities.

Accident to the Bishop of Manchester.

A telegram has been received from Bolton, in Southern Tyrol, announcing that the Bishop of Manchester, while descending from Penegol Peak Hotel, met with a bad accident, breaking his collar-bone and sustaining severe injuries to the head. Mr. Moorhouse, who is eighty-seven years of age, was brought in an unconscious state to Gries, near Bolzen.

Warlike Preparations.

The Admiralty is displaying a marvellous anxiety to have all available cruisers got ready for the pennant in the shortest possible space of time. Everything is being hurried on, but, at the same time, nothing is being undertaken in the way of relief that is not absolutely necessary. Meantime, the depots are well provided with cartridges, and there is no doubt that an exceedingly formidable group of cruisers could be commissioned at short notice if the necessity arose.

A new telephone.

A telephone of a novel character has just been exhibited at the Paris Academy of Science. The inventor, M. Dussaud, has constructed an apparatus (a Paris correspondent telegraph) which receives and registers messages in the absence of the user. Political speeches, business communications, and musical songs can therefore be stored and tapped at will. Experiments between Paris and Marseilles are said to augur well success for the new telephone.

The Emperor William.

The German Emperor, a Windsor correspondent telegrapher, who was greatly pleased with the arrangements which had been made for his shooting parties in Windsor Great Park, has presented Captain Walter Campbell, Deputy Ranger of the Royal demesne, with a handsome silver cigar case in acknowledgment of the attention which his Majesty had received during his visits to the Park. The Emperor has also presented medals to the park-keepers employed during the Imperial shooting parties in the Forest.

Eccentric Club's contribution to the War Fund.

The Eccentric Club has made a remarkable contribution to the War Fund. The annual dinner was held on 26th Nov. at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Charles Wyndham made an interesting speech, in which he touched on the subject so near to every one's heart—the care of the women and the children the Tommy has left behind him. The first response yielded £450. The fund was restarted on several occasions during the evening by various patriotic gentlemen, and finally the magnificent total of £1,350 was reached.

Serve him right!

Hitherto the Government has passed over the effusions of the extreme section in Ireland with contempt, but it is obvious that the expression of unpatriotic sentiments are, at any rate, wholly inconsistent with the holding of any public office. On 28th Nov. the Government took action. Mr. Keadell O'Brien, the Nationalist chairman of the Tipperary Council, was removed from the magistracy by the Lord Chancellor for recently moving a resolution congratulating the Boers on a "victory" at Glencoe.

French confectionery tabooed.

There are indications that France will have to pay dear for the ebullitions of disrespect towards this country indulged in by the French Press. In the various branches of Pandey's confectionery stores—three at Kensington, three at Brompton, and others in the City, Fulham, and Chiswick—the following placard is now exhibited:—"England & France.—Owing to indecent attacks made by the French Press upon H.M. the Queen, and Britons in general, we have decided to withdraw from sale all goods of French manufacture, and hope other traders will follow suit."

The Military Steam Plough.

The steam plough invented by Colonel Temple, Director of Military Ballooning and Steam Transport, Royal Engineers, has been given a trial on the Long Valley, near Aldershot, and fully achieved the objects for which it was intended. It threw up a four-feet entrenchment at the rate of three miles an hour over any rocky ground. Two of these machines have been sent out for service with the South African Field Force. The machine is so arranged that it will erect works to the right or left, and the picks in front of the ploughshares are so powerful that rocks and stones are split to pieces and thrown up.

The devils ran like hares.

"The following appears in a private letter from one of the volunteers at Ladysmith, and is published by a Natal paper of October 27:—"I was down the town on Sunday. There was great excitement over the return of the troops from the fight with the prisoners and loot. Some of the men were carrying three or four Mausers, while nearly every man had secured a highly coloured blanket. I noticed one Gordon march

ing proudly along with a large ham. I got into conversation with one of the Gordons, and he told me that when they commenced the charge with fixed bayonets, they came across a barbed wire fence that the Boers had thrown across their front, and which they (the Gordons) did not see until they were on it. Unfortunately they had no wire cutters, and the posts had to be pulled up, during which execution they lost very heavily. But," he added, with a smile, "when we got well down to it the devils ran like—"

A Relic from the Sea.

The barque *Silicon* has arrived at New York from the Arctic regions. Her commander, Captain Jansen, reports finding a deserted Russian ship of old-fashioned pattern floating aimlessly about. He and some of the members of the crew of the *Silicon* boarded the ship and found the hatches battered down and the doors fastened. They forced an entry and discovered that the vessel had a cargo of furs in fine condition, while the log and letters on board stated that the vessel had been abandoned in 1848. The supposition is that the vessel had reached high latitudes, and having been frozen in by the icebergs ever since, had only just thawed out. Captain Jansen possesses many interesting relics brought from the vessel.

A Fireproof Theatre Burned Down.

The Theatre Royal at Newcastle-on-Tyne was destroyed by fire the other day. Mr. F. R. Benson's theatrical company had been playing "Macbeth," and left the theatre quite safe at midnight. The scenery, properties, and dresses were all destroyed. The theatre was a portion of a block of buildings consisting of shops. Some of these caught fire and were damaged, but the flames were principally confined to the theatre, which is partially gutted. The roof fell in, filling the pit with debris, but the two circles and the gallery still remain. The fire burned fiercely on the stage, and nothing remains in that part of the building except the brick walls. The theatre was supposed to be fireproof.

A New Battalion.

The Secretary for War has authorised a 3rd battalion of the Scots Guards, whose creation was sanctioned two years ago, to be formed from Friday, Dec. 1. The nucleus of the new battalion will be the four surplus companies of the regiment now attached to the 1st and 2nd battalions at Chelsea Barracks, and the full strength for the present will be about 450 officers and men. Until the establishment is increased, the battalion will be under a major in command, with two other majors, two captains, four lieutenants, four second lieutenants, one adjutant, and one quartermaster. By this decision the determination to increase the Guards from seven to nine battalions will be practically completed, the 3rd battalion of the Coldstream Guards having been perfected some time ago, and the three regiments having now each three battalions.

The Widening of the Strand.

The Improvements Committee of the London County Council report that nearly all the property fronting the Strand between St. Clement Danes church and St. Mary-le-Strand church, and needed for the widening of the Strand, has now been acquired, and they have arranged for the immediate acquisition of the remaining property. They point out that it may not be possible or expedient for some time hence to remove entirely the whole block of buildings lying to the south of Holywell-street, but they can at once arrange for the widening of the Strand to 70 ft.

A Claim Against the Hooley Estate.

Mr. Justice Wright (sitting in bankruptcy) gave judgment upon the application of Sir Henry Isaacs and others to prove for £75,000 against the estate of E. T. Hooley. The claim was for commission in respect of the negotiation of a loan of four millions which Mr. Hooley was proposing to make to the Spanish Government. The loan was not carried out, but Sir Henry Isaacs contended, nevertheless, he and his associates were entitled to the commission as agreed with Mr. Hooley. The claim was admitted for £200 only, and Sir Henry appealed.

Mr. Justice Wright held that the claim had not been established, nor had Sir Henry Isaacs or his associates shown that they were entitled to a quantum meruit in the shape of damages. He was satisfied upon the evidence and the facts, as disclosed, that there was a mere nominal possibility of the loan going through, and the claim, therefore, failed. The appeal would be dismissed.

Upon the application of Mr. Rufus Isaacs, Q.C., his lordship granted a stay of ten days, with the view to an appeal.

Russian Aid for Boer Wounded.

St. Petersburg.—The relief funds for the Boers organized by the Dutch Colony here already amounts to 55,000 roubles. More than seventy doctors, assistant-surgeons, medical students, and sisters of charity have offered their services to the sanitary detachment which it is proposed to send to the Transvaal. Some manufacturers of surgical instruments have sent to the Committee instruments, appliances, and bandaging material. Performances will be given in various theatres for the benefit of the victims of the war.

The sanitary detachment of the Dutch colony in St. Petersburg, which will act apart from the Red Cross organization, will dispose of forty beds. Its staff will be composed of three parts of Russians and one part of Dutch. Its final organization will take place in Amsterdam under the supervision of men chosen on the spot, where also most of the instruments and other accessories will be bought. Only those conversant with the Dutch and German languages will be enrolled in this sanitary detachment. They must also be able to read, and be possessed of a sound constitution. The party will leave St. Petersburg next week for Amsterdam, whence they will proceed to South Africa, their destination being Pretoria.

Russia and Japan.

Judge Baba, Mr. K. Kosaka, Chief Procurator of the Japan Imperial Court, and Mr. Nakashio are at present in London, inquiring on behalf of Japan into the administration of the English law. Talking to a Central News representative, Mr. Kosaka said that he thought there was no serious danger of a conflict between Russia and Japan. Russia, he thought, was obviously in the wrong in the latest Korean difficulty. The Korean Emperor was asked by Russia to cede certain land belonging to private Japanese to these Japanese. The matter ends there for the present. Mr. Kosaka says Japan will not resort to force if Russia attempts to take the land by force.

Show of Foreign Dogs.

The fifth annual show of foreign dogs, including Chow Chows, Schipperkes, Japanese spaniels, and Griffons, was opened on 28th November at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster.

ter, under the auspices of the Chow Chow and Schipperke Clubs. Owing to the fact that there are but few foreign dogs in England, the number of entries is small, there being about a hundred, which number, however, exceeds that of last year. The quality of the exhibits generally may be said to be excellent. Over two-thirds of the total exhibits are Chow Chows. In this class the championship for dogs is taken by Miss J. H. Fisher's "Chow VIII," while that for bitches is awarded to Miss E. Casella's Champion "Tien." These two animals also take the Chow Chow Club's Challenge Cups for the best dog and best bitch respectively in the open classes. The Japanese spaniels are also a popular lot.

Telegraphists for the Front.

There was an enthusiastic scene at Waterloo Station on 25th November when a dozen telegraphists from the Central Telegraph Office, who had volunteered for active service, left London on their way to the seat of war. The men belong to the Post Office Volunteers, and are going to South Africa attached to the Royal Engineers, to lay the wires and work the field instruments. The streets of Manchester presented on 25th November a scene of great military enthusiasm. Over 300 Reservists of the Manchester Regiment have been called up, and have been in barracks at Hulme, and 180 of them have been selected for active service in South Africa. The remainder are to accompany the 2nd Battalion to Dublin. In compliance with the eagerly-expressed desire of the people of Manchester at large, the whole body of Reservists, led by Colonel Reay, and in full marching order, paraded some of the principal streets. Dense crowds of applauding spectators lined the way undeterred by wet, dull weather.

Greetings From Portsmouth.

At Portsmouth Town Council meeting on 28th November the Mayor, Mr. J. H. P. Potts, asked permission to send, in the name of the town, greetings to the officers and men of the Naval Brigade in South Africa, many of whom hailed from Portsmouth. He expressed sympathy with the Brigade in the loss they had sustained, and said that should any townsmen desire to send them a Christmas present, he would be glad to receive and forward the same. Though gifts in kind would not now reach them in time, he proposed to send out a banker's draft to the paymaster for distribution of the money amongst the men, who would thus be enabled to purchase little luxuries for Christmas from the canteens. The suggestion was cordially endorsed, and a resolution giving the Mayor the permission he asked was unanimously carried.

The Sea Serpent Again.

Woolwich was startled on 27th Nov. by a report that the sea serpent had entered the Thames, and was wriggling its way towards the Arsenal, as if it were a traitorous emissary of the Transvaal. Many people went down to the riverside to gaze on the marine phenomenon, and, sure enough, they were able to witness a huge monster floundering about in the river. It was a bottle-nosed whale, about forty feet long, and after gallivanting about in the water for some time it got stranded off Canton Carriage Buildings, at the Arsenal. The strange visitor came up with the tide, and when it found itself in difficulties on the reef bed, "blew" furiously, and attempted half-dozen semi-comic jumps, injuring itself on the stones, and colouring the river with its blood. About two o'clock the crew of the steam tug *Empress* fastened a rope to it, dragged it off the beach, and took it in tow, with the intention of consulting the Thames Conservancy respecting its fate as a prisoner of war and a trespasser. It weighs about eight tons, and is supposed to be worth about £100.

The French Navy.

The policy of building battleships and large cruisers in preference to torpedo-boats for the French Navy continues to evoke a chorus of criticism from malcontents of the type of M. Camille Pelletan. French naval theorists are at present divided into two camps: those in favour of constructing huge war-vessels—masted ships—are called—and those who trust to a numerous and efficient fleet of torpedo-boats supplemented by a limited number of large vessels. The latter school despairs of keeping pace with England in the shipbuilding race, and believes that the interests of France will be better served by covering the sea with a crowd of small craft capable of harassing an enemy's commerce and isolated ships. M. Pelletan considers that M. de Lanesan and the present school in office are sapping the efficiency of the navy, and that the two battleships and mammoth cruiser which figure in this year's Budget are a waste of the nation's money. He complains, also, that not a single ocean torpedo-boat is to single second-class vessel of the same kind, is on the stocks at the present moment, and that there is a similar neglect of submarine torpedo-boats for the coming financial year.

Admiral Dewey "Cut to the Quick."

There has been a great outcry in the United States because Admiral Dewey has transferred to his bride the house in Washington which was recently presented to him by popular subscription. The New York correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says the simple-minded victor of Manila imagined that the house presented to him was his to do what he chose with, and he made it over to his wife for reasons in which there is nothing dishonourable. This was a private transaction, with which the public might be considered to have no concern. Dewey finds, however, that certain subscribers to the purchase fund consider that they have the right to control the disposal of the house, and that the part of a section of the Republic for which it is hard to find an excuse. Abusive and scurrilous letters are written to and about the Admiral, who is cut to the quick, as he himself expresses it, and responds by a "bitter" interview. "If I had known how much trouble and view," he says, "I would never have taken it at the hands of the American people. If I should feel to-morrow, as I feel to-night I would cut it all—throw up everything, go on the retired list, and go abroad. I hardly feel like living in a country where I can be attacked in so outrageous a manner without being defended by anyone."

Good Conduct of Middlesex.

The 2nd Battalion (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Middlesex Regiment is one of the 5th Division under Sir Charles Warren. The reservists of the Regiment, which on paper numbered 550, were ordered to present themselves at Hounslow on November 20. By "tattoo" on the 19th, 122 men had come in, and were equipped and sent to the 2nd Battalion at Woolwich. By the same time on the next day 429 more men came in, were medically examined, and equipped ready to be sent off to the station on the following day. Thus, at the hour named by the War Office, 551 out of 550 had come up. The following day two others came in and one more reported himself on the 24th, leaving only two men, out of 550, unaccounted for. Of these 554 only forty-eight

were found medically unfit, and 506 were passed, and have joined the battalion at Woolwich. There was not a single case of misbehaviour reported between the time they reported themselves and the time they were taken over by the battalion at Woolwich. No man was absent, nor was there the slightest hitch in the arrangements for feeding, equipping, and paying the men their reserve pay, &c., before leaving Hounslow. The 2nd Battalion held the shield of the Army Temperance Association when leaving India in 1887, and the 1st Battalion proceeded to India the same year, and has won it since and now holds it.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

JANUARY.
Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.
Barometer 30.181
Thermometer 62.4
Humidity 64
Rainfall 0.985

TO-DAY.

Tuesday, 2nd January, 1900.
Chinese—2nd of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 35min.
Sets 5hr. 21min.
High water—Afternoon 10hr. 5min.
Afternoon 8hr. 50min.
Low water—Morning 3hr. 40min.
Morning 1hr. 17min.
ANNIVERSARIES.
1862—The Dutch schooner *Henriette Louise* plundered by pirates—outside Lyceum.
1884—First election by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce of a member of the Legislative Council.
1888—Loss of the British ship *John Potts*.
1896—Earthquake at Khalkhal, Persia, 300 killed.
1897—Treaty between Spain and Japan signed at Madrid.

TO-MORROW.

Wednesday, 3rd January, 1900.
Chinese—3rd of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 30min.
Sets 5hr. 26min.
High water—Morning 10hr. 55min.
Afternoon 9hr. 47min.
Low water—Morning 3hr. 25min.
Morning 1hr. 3min.
ANNIVERSARIES.

1777—Battle of Princeton.
1839—Lin Tsi-hung appointed Commissioner.
1851—Li Sing-yuen appointed Imperial Commissioner in Kwangsi.
1867—Assassination of the Archbishop of Paris.
1880—Decree in *Peking*—*Gauche* sentencing Chiang Hing, ex-ambassador to Russia, to death by decapitation.
1897—The *ss. Chinan* towed into Hongkong with 3 blades of her propeller broken.
1898—Collapse of flooring in City Hall, London, Ontario, 28 killed 100 injured.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.
9 p.m.—Concert by T. G. Star at Theatre Royal.

TO-MORROW.
2 p.m.—Cargo *ex Karlsruhe* landed at Consignee's risk and expense.
3 p.m.—Auction sale of Inland Lot 1,574, J.W.D. offices.

Noon—T. K. K. steamer *Nippon Maru* leaves for San Francisco.
Shevan Tomes & Co.'s steamer *Asama* leaves for New York, via Suez Canal.

THURSDAY, 4th.
Indo-China steamer *Kwangshing* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

FRIDAY, 5th.
Cargo *ex Karlsruhe* subject to rent.
SATURDAY, 6th.
Noon—P. & O. steamer *Paranatta* leaves, with mails, for London.

N. P. K. steamer *Amoy* leaves for Victoria B.C. and Tacoma.
9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall in aid of the South African fund.
Cargo *ex Merionethshire* subject to rent.

MONDAY, 8th.
3 p.m.—Meeting of the Justices of the Peace, in St. Andrew's Hall, to appoint member of Legislative Council.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
American (*Ousang*) to-morrow.
English (*Valetta*) 7th inst.
German (*Preussen*) 9th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 10th inst.
German (*Sachsen*) 11th inst.
American (*América Maru*) 18th inst.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 18th inst.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Glenlogie* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 31st December.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Brachion* arrived at Yokohama and will sail for Hongkong on the 3rd inst.

The "Glen" line steamer *Glenlogie* from Hongkong left Singapore on the 31st ult. and is due here on the 6th inst.

The N. G. I. steamer *Disago* left Bombay, for this port on the 30th December and is due here on or about the 18th January.

The N. Y. K.'s steamer *Wakasa Maru* (Europe Line) left Singapore for this port on the 30th December and is expected to arrive here on the 4th prox.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Valetta* left Singapore for this port on the 1st inst. at noon with the Outward English mails, and is due here on the 7th inst. at about 6 a.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Preussen* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Monday the 1st inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 9th inst.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gauche* with mails &c. left hence Nov. 30th for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 29th ult.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Sachsen* carried the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 11th December left Colombo on Sunday the 31st ult. p.m. and may be expected here on or about Thursday the 11th inst.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Coptic* with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 13th ult., via Honolulu, arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow morning, via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.
Isla de Cuba at Kowloon Dock.
Katsuyama Maru
Isla de Luzon
Simla
H.I.G.M.S. Hertha
H.M.S. Undaunted
Kung Ping
Triumph
Powan
D. Juan d'Austria
Alenquair
Cosmopolitan

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
SALAZIE, French steamer, 2,088, Allegre, 30th Dec.—Marseilles and Saigon 27th Dec. Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

HOIHOA, French steamer, 509, J. C. Gerard, 30th Dec.—Pakhoi and Hoihow 29th Dec. General—A. R. Marty.

OCEANIAN, French steamer, 2,081, Schmitt, 31st Dec.—Shanghai 29th Dec. Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

HUK, French steamer, 704, H. Merles, 31st Dec.—Haiphong 29th Dec. Rico—A. R. Marty.

TAIWAN, British steamer, 1,109, Harder, 1st Jan.—Canton 31st Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire.

FUSION, Chinese steamer, 1,504, W. H. Lum, 1st Jan.—Canton 31st Dec. General—C. M. S. N. Co.

PAKSHAN, British steamer, 1,235, J. Jenkins, 31st Dec.—Bangkok 29th Dec. Rice, Timber and Meats—Bradley & Co.

SUNGKIAN, British steamer, 1,010, S. W. Moore, 31st Dec.—Manila 28th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, J. Douglas, 1st Dec.—Amoy 28th Dec. Amoy and Swatow 30th Dec. General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HAKUAI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,419, M. Nishimura, 31st Dec.—Nagasaki 24th Dec. General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, J. S. Roach, 31st Dec.—Peechoo and Amoy 31st Dec. General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,293, T. Nissen, 31st Dec.—Kutchinoten 26th Dec. Coal—Siemssen & Co.

YUENSANG, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, R.N.R., 1st Jan.—Manila 29th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOYAL, German steamer, 1,237, Lorenzen, 1st Jan.—Hongkong 30th Dec. Coal—Sander, Wieler & Co.

INDRAPURA, British steamer, 3,152, A. Horsfall, 1st Jan.—New York 4th Nov. and Singapore 24th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KINSHU MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,459, W. Brady, 1st Jan.—Seattle Wash. via Moji 25th Dec. Coal and General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 1st Jan.—Shanghai 28th Dec. and Swatow 31st Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOONGMOON, German steamer, 1,245, F. Schulz, 1st Jan.—Shanghai 29th Dec. General—Siemssen & Co.

SALAHADJI, Dutch steamer, 1,235, C. Anema, 1st Jan.—Singapore 24th Dec. Oil—Meyer & Co.

MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, Hemmet, 1st Jan.—Haiphong 29th Dec. Rice—Jensen & Co.

KINGSING, British steamer, 1,223, Young, 1st Jan.—Shanghai 29th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KING ARTHUR, British ship, 1,502, Robertson, 1st Jan.—Cardiff 3rd August. Coal—Admiralty.

AIRLIE, British steamer, 2,800, C. C. Koch, 2nd Jan.—Kobe 27th Dec. General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TSINAN, British steamer, 1,459, O. Anderson, 2nd Jan.—Sydney and Melbourne 9th Dec. Coal and General—Butterfield & Swire.

TULENHUN, American schooner, 74, Melander, 2nd Jan.—Guam 13th Dec. Iron and General—Master.

IRENE, Chinese steamer, 826, Crawford, 2nd Jan.—Wuhu 27th Dec. Rice—C. M. S. N. Co.

PAKHIO, British steamer, 1,248, C. C. Williams, 2nd Jan.—Canton 2nd Jan. General—Butterfield & Swire.

LOKSANG, British steamer, 989, Leask, 2nd Jan.—Canton 2nd Jan. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KWANG PING, Chinese steamer, 1,242, W. Blake, 2nd Jan.—Canton 2nd Jan. General—C. E. & M. Co.

PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, E. E. McEllan, 2nd Jan.—Bangkok 25th Dec. and Amoy 26th Dec. Rice, &c.—Yuen Fat Ho.

APENRAU, German steamer, 900, Bendixen, 2nd Jan.—Chefoo 27th Dec. General—Jensen & Co.

GLENFALLOCH, British steamer, 1,434, Peters, 2nd Jan.—Singapore 26th Dec. General—Joo Tek Sing.

DEPARTURES.
Dec. 31, *Salala*, French str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 31, *Piyyang*, German str., for Haiphong.
Dec. 31, *Takang*, British str., for Bangkok.
Dec. 31, *Thales*, British str., for Swatow.
Dec. 31, *Shan*, British str., for Amoy.
Dec. 31, *Arjuna*, Chinese str., for Canton.
Dec. 31, *Hertha*, Norwegian str., for Canton.
Jan. 1, *Oceanic*, French str., for Europe.
Jan. 1, *Clavin*, German str., for Hoihow.
Jan. 1, *Alisang*, British str., for Saigon.
Jan. 1, *Antigo*, German str., for Haiphong.
Jan. 1, *Clavin*, British str., for Shanghai.
Jan. 2, *Tanai Maru*, Jap. str., for Swatow.
Jan. 2, *Formosa*, British str., for Swatow.
Jan. 2, *Hanoi*, French str., for Haiphong.
Jan. 2, *Katsuyama Maru*, Jap. str., for Kobe.
Jan. 2, *Heluchi*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
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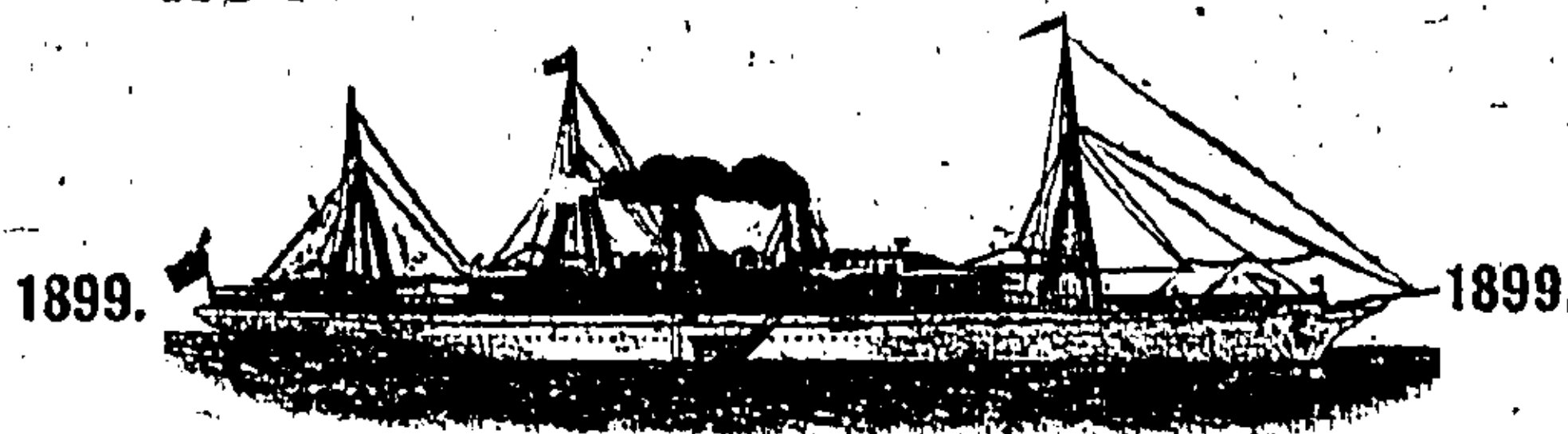
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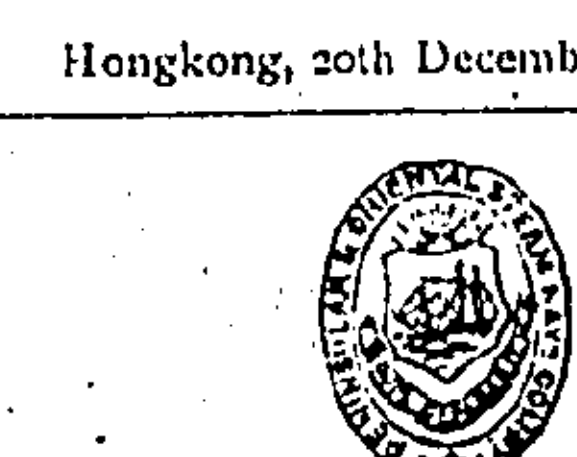
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"PARRAMATTA,"
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for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th
January, 1900, at Noon, taking Passengers and
Cargo for the above Ports.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay with Transshipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [13822]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA
AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Coptic (via Shanghai)
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Saturday, 20th Jan.,
1900, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai)
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Tuesday, 13th Feb.,
1900, at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai)
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Saturday, 10th Mar.,
1900, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,
on SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1900, at
Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-
LULU, and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of
the United States or Canada. Rates may be ob-
tained on application.
Special rates (First-class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and
to Government officials and their families.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-em-
barking at San Francisco for China or Japan,
(or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed
a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo de-
stined to points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building,
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent,
Hongkong, 26th December, 1899. [14902]

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.Saint Irene... 3,577 W. Attree... Jan. 6.
City of Dublin... 3,328 J. R. Rae... Jan. 12.
Breconshire... 3,567 G. E. Elliott... Jan. 20.ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

Abergeldie... 3,777 J. J. Murray... Jan. 27.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by the Line,
HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.Excellent accommodation. First-class Ta-
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HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on
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Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of
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HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific
Coast Points, and to Canadian and United
States Ports.Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-
land, Or. (whichever may be the destination of
the Steamer).Parcels must be sent to our Office (with
address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day
previous to sailing.For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [14]CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA
FE RAILROAD CO.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS
HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO, The
UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and
SOUTH AMERICA, &c.Strathgyle... 5,023 about Jan. 7.
Carlisle City... 3,002 about Jan. 15.
Belgian King... 3,379 about Jan. 20.
Carmarthenshire... 2,929 about Jan. 31.

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA
KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU,
on SUNDAY, the 7th January, 1900.Through Bills of Lading issued to any point
in the United States.Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages
will be received at the Office until the same
time. All parcels should be marked to address
in full. Value of same is required.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo de-
stined to points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1330]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HAKUAI MARU... M. Bishimura	AMOY, SHANGHAI and KOBE...	THURSDAY, 4th Jan., at Daylight.
WAKASA MARU... J. B. Macmillan	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	FRIDAY, 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU... W. Bainbridge	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
*KINSHU MARU... W. Brady	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI (WOSUNG), KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 15th Jan., at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU... A. E. Moses	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 P.M.
KAMAKURA MARU...	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1900. [6]

NORDDEUTSCHER

LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

HAMBURG-AMERIKA

LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
*SARINA... Fuchs	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	17th January.
AMBRIA... Burmeister	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	18th January.
WITTENBERG... Madsen	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 27th January.
*SILEZIA... Behrens	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG.	About 5th February.
HOLSTATA... Bahle	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 8th February.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) To-morrow, 3rd Jan.,
1900, at Noon.AMERICA MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 27th Jan.,
1900, at Noon.HONGKONG MARU
(via Shanghai, Naga-
saki, Kobe, Inland
Sea, Yokohama and
Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb.,
1900, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"NIPPON MARU"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-
MORROW, the 3rd January, 1900, at Noon,
taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-
LULU, and passengers are allowed to break
their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of
the United States or Canada. Rates may be ob-
tained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
routes from San Francisco including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the
CANADIAN PACIFIC Railway on payment of
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND
CITIES in the United States have between
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and other direct connecting Railways and from
Chicago, to destination the choice of direct
lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and
to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via Overland Railway, to
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4
P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same is
required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo de-
stined to points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1899. [1310]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

*Algoa (via Moji, Kobe,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 10th Feb.,
1900, at Noon.China (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Saturday, 3rd March,
1900, at Noon.City of Rio de Janeiro
(via Shanghai, Naga-
saki, Kobe, Inland
Sea, Yokohama and
Honolulu) Tuesday, 27th March,
1900, at Noon.

(* Taking Cargo only.)

THE U.S. Mail Chartered Steamship

"ALGOA"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA

Consignees.

